

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed on 11/13/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 7-19.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claim 6 is canceled.
2. Claims 1-5 and 7-19 are allowed.
3. This is examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Regarding claims 1-5, 7 and 11-19, the prior art, either singularly or in combination, does not teach or suggest a multifunction device, comprising:

“...a control panel including a media card indicator that illuminates when a media card has been inserted into the media slot, wherein pressing of the media card indicator places the control panel in a mode to download and print data from the media card.”

Regarding claim 8, the prior art, either singularly or in combination, does not teach or suggest a multifunction device, comprising:

“...a control panel including a media card indicator that illuminates when a media card has been inserted into the media slot, wherein the media card indicator and the media slot are on different planes; wherein multifunction device can perform at least one of a copy function, a fax function or a scan function, at least one of the copy function, the fax function or the scan function includes an indicator, and the control panel is in a mode to download data from the media card when the indicator is off.”

Regarding claim 9, the prior art, either singularly or in combination, does not teach or suggest a multifunction device, comprising:

“...a control panel including a media card indicator that illuminates when a media card has been inserted into the media slot, wherein the media card indicator and the media slot are on different planes; wherein the multifunction device can perform a copy function, a fax function and a scan function, the control panel includes a copy function key that initiates the copy function, a fax function key that initiates the fax function and a scan function key that initiates the scan function, with a function key associated with a least used function placed between two function keys.”

Regarding claim 10, the prior art, either singularly or in combination, does not teach or suggest a multifunction device, comprising:

“...a control panel including a media card indicator that illuminates when a media card has been inserted into the media slot, wherein the media card indicator and the media slot are on different planes; wherein the multifunction device can perform a copy function, a fax function and a scan function, the control panel includes a copy function key that illuminates during the copy function, a fax function key that illuminates during the fax function and a scan function key that illuminates during the scan function, with the copy function key, the fax function key and the scan function key turned off when the media card indicator is pressed.

The features identified, in combination with other claim limitations, are neither suggested nor discussed by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. *Contact Information*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Houshang Safaipoor whose telephone number is (571)272-7412. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 6:30am to 3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore whose telephone number is (571)272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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